

Appropriations Subcommittee

Energy and Water

Requesting Organization

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Saint Paul District

Sibley Square and Mears Park

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Purpose of Request

Pig's Eye Lake is a 600 acre lake located on the Mississippi River immediately downstream from downtown Saint Paul. The lake is an important ecological amenity for the state and for the city, but has deteriorated over the years through industrializing and urbanization. The area contains open water, wetlands and floodplain forests. The Pig's Eye Heron Rookery is one of the largest nesting sites for colonial water birds in the State of Minnesota. A coalition of state, local and non-profit groups are interested in restoring the Pig's Eye lake area to a more natural condition and restoring the valuable habitat that has been degraded over time.

Amount Requested

\$100,000

